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REF: A. GABORONE 0682, B. MASERU 0660 (NOTAL),

1. AT THIS TIME 99 O/O OF LESOTHO'S MOHAIR IS SENT TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR MARKETING, SO IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN ACCURATE DATA OF AMOUNTS EXPORTED TO U.S.A. GOL KEEPS NO STATISTICS ON MOHAIR EXPORTS; HOWEVER, BRICE ATKINSON, CARE DIRECTOR, ESTIMATES THAT THE AMOUNT OF SPUN MOHAIR EXPORTED DIRECTLY FROM LESOTHO TO U.S. IS IN THE 100'S OF KILOGRAMS AT THE MOST.

2. COMMENT: IF LESOTHO MOHAIR WERE TO QUALIFY FOR GSP. IT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF ENDING THEEXPORT OF THEMOHAIR TO SOUTH AFRICA FOR MARKETING, AND INCREASING LESOTHO'S CONTROL OVER THIS COMMODITY. PRODUCTION MIGHT ALSO BE INCREASED, GIVING A SOURCE OF INCOME TO MORE PEOPLE. STOKES

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